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TEN MILE RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Eureka – The Ten Mile River Bridge replacement project, located about seven miles north of Fort Bragg on Route 1 in Mendocino County, is on schedule and near completion. A ribbon cutting ceremony and bridge rededication is scheduled for May 8, and another update will provide details for those interested in attending. Beginning mid May, traffic will be moved over to the new bridge in stages. First, the northbound traffic will be moved, followed by the southbound traffic about a week later.

Work has already begun to install a trestle (a temporary bridge) that will be used to remove the old bridge. Removal of the old bridge and the trestle is anticipated to be completed spring 2010, and then revegetation of the construction site will take place. Caltrans is also doing other things to be a good steward of our natural resources.

“Caltrans is committed to preserving and enhancing California’s natural resources,” said Charlie Fielder, Caltrans District 1 Director. “We are pursuing several additional projects to mitigate impacts which may result from this bridge replacement.” The projects include constructing fish ladders on Casper Creek with the help of CAL FIRE, improving fish passage on Dunn Creek, and working with the City of Fort Bragg on a restoration project at Otis Johnson Park.

The new Ten Mile River Bridge was built to meet current seismic standards, helping to ensure reliable access to the northern Mendocino coast. Wider shoulders will enhance pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist safety. Included in the design of this \$43.5 million bridge is a parking area and a 5-foot wide protected sidewalk on the west side of the bridge, both of which conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines to provide all visitors access to the beautiful views of the Ten Mile River.

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